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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH NECDET UNEL

1. SUMMARY: UNEL SAYS DENKTASH BEING PRESSURED WITHDRAW FROM NEGOTIATIONS, CUT OFF CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN MISSIONS WHICH REFUSE RECOGNIZE HIS PRESIDENTIAL TITLE. CONSTITUTENT ASSEMBLY EXPECTED APPROVE "GAULLIST" CONSTITUTION WITHIN 45 DAYS; ELECTIONS TO FOLLOW. TURK CYPRIOTS PROFESS LACK OF CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE UNSC MISSION TO CYPRUS. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING THE COURSE OF A TWO-HOUR FEBRUARY 20 LUNCHEON WITH EMBOFF, PRESIDENT OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, NECDET UNEL, MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS OF INTEREST. UNEL SAID THAT DENKTASH WAS BEING PRESSURED BY ANKARA TO WITHDRAW HIMSELF AS NEGOTIATOR IN TALKS. ANKARA REPORTEDLY FEELS THAT DENKTASH'S NEW PRESIDENTIAL POSITION PLACES HIM ON TOO ELEVATED A PLANE TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH CLERIDES. PRESENT THINKING IS THAT, IF NEGOTIATIONS RESUME, MINDEF OSMAN OREK WILL REPLACE DENKTASH. UNEL AGREED THIS WOULD LOWER CHANCES OF SUCCESS AND SPECULATED THAT THE FINAL  
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CHOICE MIGHT BE VEDAT CHELIK, CURRENT TURK CYPRIOT EMISSARY TO

UNSC MEETING ON CYPRUS. HE NOTED THAT THERE INFIGHTING UNDERWAY BETWEEN OREK AND CHELIK OVER WHO SHOULD FILL FONMIN PORTFOLIO IN FEDERATED TURK CYPRIOT STATE.

3. ACCORDING UNEL, DENKTASH IS ALSO UNDER PRESSURE FROM ANKARA TO REFUSE CONTACT WITH FOREIGN MISSIONS WHICH DO NOT RECOGNIZE HIS NEW TITLE. UNEL CLAIMED THAT TWO RECENT LETTERS FROM UNSYG SPECIAL REP WECKMANN WERE RETURNED SINCE THEY WERE ADDRESSED TO DENKTASH SOLELY IN HIS CAPACITY AS COMMUNAL NEGOTIATOR. UNEL RECOGNIZES DIFFICULTY WHICH STRICT INSISTENCE ON THIS POLICY WILL CAUSE FOREIGN MISSIONS AND WAS FULLY COGNIZANT OF FACT THAT TURKS WILL BE PLAYING INTO GREEK CYPRIOT HANDS BY VOLUNTARILY ISOLATING THEMSELVES FROM FOREIGN CONTACTS. HE THOUGHT SOME ACCEPTABLE FORMULA COULD BE WORKED OUT BUT WAS SKEPTICAL AS TO WHETHER ANKARA WOULD PROVE SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE.

4. UNEL EXPECTS CONSTITUTENT ASSEMBLY TO PRODUCE "CONSTITUTION" WITHIN 45 DAYS. OUTLINE APPARENTLY DRAFTED IN ANKARA PROVIDING FOR PRESIDENTIAL SYSTEM ALONG GAULLIST LINES, BUT WITH PRESIDENT HAVING SLIGHTLY LESS POWER. DOCUMENT WILL BE FINALIZED IN NICOSIA BY COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS, HEADED BY AN UNNAMED MAINLAND CONSTITUTIONAL EXPERT (UNEL EXCLUDED ORHAN ALDIKACTI AND SUAT BILGE FROM CONSIDERATION). CONSTITUTION WILL THEN BE RATIFIED BY CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY.

5. FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTION, UNEL ANTICIPATES NEW ELECTIONS FOR TURK CYPRIOT PARLIAMENT. THESE WILL BE CONTESTED BY AT LEAST TWO PARTIES, ONE PRO AND ONE ANTI-DENKTASH. AS AN AMUSING SIDE NOTE, UNEL CLAIMED THAT OSMAN OREK'S ELEVATION TO COMMUNITY'S NUMBER TWO POSITION HAD BEEN MILITARY BLUNDER WHICH TOOK PLACE DURING ABSENCE BOTH DENKTASH AND UNEL FROM ISLAND. REGULATIONS SETTING UP CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY REESTABLISH UNEL'S FORMER PLACE IN PECKING ORDER. PERHAPS IN RECOGNITION OF THIS, HE RECENTLY RECEIVED A BRAND NEW LIBERATED BMW.

6. UNEL WAS UNCONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF SECURITY COUNCIL MISSION TO CYPRUS. GROUP WOULD COME, STUDY, AND GO HOME TO WRITE REPORT. THIS WOULD CONSUME GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND, HE CONCLUDED, "ALL WE NEED IS 45 DAYS".  
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